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Applicants:

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For:

HEPARIN-BINDING PROTEINS MODIFIED WITH SUGAR CHAINS, METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

CONTAINING THE SAME

Examiner:

D. Saunders (Art Unit:1644)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

Supplemental to the response filed on March 5, 2001 to the Office Action dated October 3, 2000, Applicants request that this application be additionally amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 5, 16 and 19 as follows:

5. (Twice Amended) The heparin binding protein of claim 4, wherein the heparin-binding protein comprising the at least one covalently bonded sugar chain comprises:

(a) a protein consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 17, 19, 21, 23, or

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(b) a protein which consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 17, 19, 21, 23,

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